

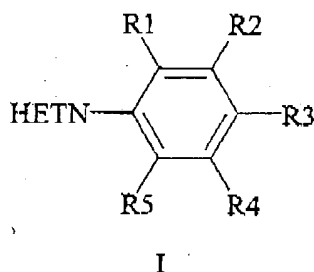
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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please replace all prior claims in the application with the following:

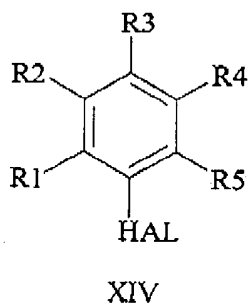
Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new): A process for preparing compounds of general formula I,



in which HETN is an indol-1-yl and R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 are independently hydrogen, nitro, cyano, alkoxy carbonyl with up to 5 carbon atoms, aldehyde, alkyl carbonyl with up to 5 carbon atoms, aryl carbonyl, or amide, provided that R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 are not all hydrogen atoms, the process comprising:

reacting an aromatic aza-heterocycle with a compound of general formula XIV,



at a temperature between room temperature and about 80°C, inclusive, and in the presence of cesium carbonate and one or more dipolar aprotic solvents, wherein the aromatic aza-heterocycle is an indole.

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Claim 10 (new): The process according to claim 9, wherein the solvent is acetone, acetonitrile, dimethylsulphoxide, dimethylacetamide, N-methylpyrrolidone or dimethylformamide.

Claim 11 (new): The process according to claim 9, wherein the solvent is dimethylformamide.

Claim 12 (new): The process according to claim 9, wherein HAL in general formula XIV is a fluorine atom.

Claim 13 (new): The process according to claim 9, wherein the aromatic aza-heterocycle and the compound of general formula XIV are reacted at room temperature.

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